

## House Resolution No. 2176

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives truly were saddened by the death of Staff Sergeant Bradley Joe Skelton in Iraq on February 6, 2008, at the age of forty; and

**Whereas**, born on July 29, 1967, into the family of Harold L. "Chub" and Dorothy M. "Dot" (Willa) Skelton, Bradley Skelton was a 1985 graduate of Jackson High School who joined the Missouri National Guard during his junior year; and

**Whereas**, originally serving with the 1140th in Jackson, Staff Sergeant Bradley Skelton was on active duty with the 1138th Engineer Battalion when his vehicle struck a roadside bomb in Baghdad, Iraq, resulting in his death; and

**Whereas**, Staff Sergeant Bradley Skelton was the recipient of numerous awards, including the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal with bronze service star, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M", Arabic numeral 2, and silver hourglass devices, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, Combat Action Badge, Expert Rifle Weapons Qualification Badge, wheeled vehicle Driver and Mechanic Badge, Utah National Guard 2002 Olympic Winter Games Service Ribbon, Missouri National Guard Commendation Ribbon, Missouri National Guard 20-Year-Long Service Ribbon, and Missouri National Guard Basic Training Ribbon; and

**Whereas**, a former Gordonville volunteer fireman, Staff Sergeant Bradley Skelton is survived by his sister Carmen Robinson, her husband Jerry, and their children Brian, Caleb, and Christy; several uncles, an aunt, and numerous cousins on the paternal side of his extended family; and an uncle on his maternal side of the family:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to memorialize the life and work of Bradley Skelton and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt condolences to his family members, colleagues, friends, and neighbors who now miss his considerable strength, warmth, and light in their daily lives; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in memory of Bradley Joe Skelton of Gordonville, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Scott A. Lipke  
District No. 157

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,  
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 2176, adopted April 23, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker